

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

**CHIEF HEARING OFFICER DIRECTIVE**

**DOCKET NO. 2021-76-E ORDER NO. 2021-60-H**

**MAY 17, 2021**

**CHIEF HEARING OFFICER: David Butler**

**DOCKET DESCRIPTION:**

**Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (“DEC”) for Approval of Demand-Side Management and Energy Efficiency Rider 13, Decreasing Residential Rates and Increasing Non-Residential Rates**

**MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

**Petition to Intervene of South Carolina Coastal Conservation League (“CCL”) and Southern Alliance for Clean Energy (“SACE”) (or together, the “Conservation Group”)**

**CHIEF HEARING OFFICER’S ACTION:**

**This matter comes before the Chief Hearing Officer on the Petition to Intervene of Southern Alliance for Clean Energy and the South Carolina Coastal Conservation League. The Petition is timely filed, and no objections to the intervention have been filed.**

**After it has been determined that the Petition has been timely filed, the next question for the Commission is to determine whether or not the petitioning party has clear factual support or grounds for the proposed intervention. S.C. Regs. 103-825A(3) requires that a party making a Petition to Intervene in a matter pending before the SC Public Service Commission must:**

**set forth clearly and concisely:**

- (a) The facts from which the nature of the petitioner's alleged right or interest can be determined;**
- (b) The grounds of the proposed intervention;**
- (c) The position of the petitioner in the proceeding.**

**SACE states that it is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote responsible and equitable energy choices that address global climate change and ensure clean, safe, and healthy communities throughout the Southeast. SACE asserts that it and its members are customers of DEC and are therefore subject to the direct impacts of DEC's DSM/EE rider.**

**CCL asserts that it advocates for energy efficiency and supports the development of energy policy that is in the public interest of South Carolinians. CCL also has members who are customers of DEC and are therefore subject to the direct impacts of DEC's DSM/EE rider.**

**The Conservation Group states that they participated actively in and were parties to the stipulations of settlement in Docket Nos. 2009-190-E, 2009-191-E, and also participated actively in past annual DSM/EE rider proceedings. SACE and CCL seek to intervene in this proceeding in order to ensure that their members' interests in promoting energy savings through cost-effective DSM and EE are represented. Petitioners are also interested in ensuring that DEC's DSM and EE programs are delivering results, and that the costs and incentives to be recovered via the rider are based on measured and verified energy savings.**

**From these facts, this Hearing Officer holds that SACE and CCL have successfully satisfied the three criteria for intervention stated in the Regulation. The Conservation Group's interest in this matter can clearly be discerned, as can the grounds for the intervention, and their position.**

**Further, the Petition to Intervene was timely filed and there are no objections to the intervention. Accordingly, the Petition to Intervene of SACE and CCL is hereby granted in this Docket. This ends the Chief Hearing Officer's Directive.**